THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) Export Promotion Councils, Commodity Boards, Federation of Indian Export Organisation, Trade Development Authority and such other organisations, which help in promoting country's export, disseminate in different ways, commercial information to the exporting community. The exporters are members of one or the other organisation and there is constant interaction between the organisations and exporters at regular intervals through meetings, seminars, workshops etc. The commercial information is fed to the exporting community through published literature, buyer-seller meets, sales delegations and other export promotion activities. Keeping pace with present day trend to develop computerised information some of the Councils are having their own and some are trying to create computer system for giving quick and ready made commercial information to the exporters. The Trade Development Authority is also working on a proposal to establish National Centre for Trade Information to collect, store, classify and disseminate information on various aspects of international trade.

Foreign tourists

2276. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to tate:

(a) what is the total number of foreign tourists who visited Khajuraho, Agra and Varanasi during the last three years;

(b) what were the earnings of the States and the Central Government on this account;

(c) whether any fresh initiative is being taken by the Central Government to give a boost to tourism in the country; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) As per the statistics provided by the State Government, the number of foreign tourists who visited Khajuraho during the last 3 years are as given below.

1983-84	22,529
1984-85	20,278
1985-86	15,900

Statistics of foreign tourists visiting Agra and Varanasi are not available.

(b) No estimates are available in this regard.

(c) and (d) The initiatives taken by the Union Government to boost tourism in the country include vigorous publicity campaigns in the overseas markets including consumer advertising through print and electronic media, introduction of promotional and incentive schemes like "India on the House" and "Affordable India" development of infrastructural facilities in the tourist centres, etc.

Pollution in river Narmada

2277. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that river Narmada is getting highly polluted because of the setting up of various types of industries on her banks;

(b) whether some funds will be made available as were given for cleaning of river Ganga, to the Madhya Pradesh Government to clean Narmada river; and

(c) if so, what other steps, if any, are being taken by Government to keep Narmada free from pollution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Stretches of the river

Narmada are polluted by the discharge of effluents from industries.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The steps taken include the following:

(i) Standards for river water quality have been prescribed;

(ii) Minimal National Standards for effluents from major polluting industries have been laid down for implementation by the respective State Pollution Control Boards;

(iii) The industries have been directed to comply with the effluent standards on a time bound basis;

(iv) Fiscal incentives have been provided in terms of tax concession/rebates for installation of pollution control devices; and

(v) Legal action has been taken against the defaulting units.

Export of leather

2278. SHRI M. KADHARSHA:
SHRI V. RAMANATHAN.

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed any target for export of leather;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether the target is expected to be achieved by Government?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The target of Rs. 650 crores fixed for export of leather and leather products for 1986-87 is likely to be exceeded.

Registered manpower exporting agencies

2279. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) how many registered manpower exporting agencies are working in India at present, State-wise;

(b) the number of cases pending in courts against each such agency;

(c) how many registered agencies have been black-listed;

(d) which are the States having their own man-power exporting agencies, what is the year of their inception and the number of personnel sent by them till January, 1987; and

(e) the number of persons having qualifications in Fine Arts/Commercial Arts who were sent abroad till January, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) As per Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) As per available information, six cases are pending in courts.

(c) 80 agencies have been blacklisted.

(d) A list of State owned manpower exporting agencies is given at Statement-II (*See* below). About 10,000 workers have been sent abroad by them till January, 1987.

(e) This information is not maintained.